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COAL SUPPLY TO THERMAL POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of coal purchased for operating thermal power plants of the Damodar Valley Corporation particularly Bokaro Thermal Power Station, Chandrapura Thermal Power Station and Mijhiya Thermal Power Station (West Bengal) during the last three years and current year till July 2000 alongwith the manner in which the said coal has been transported;

(b) the names of coal mines from where the coal has been purchased for the said power stations alongwith purchase price of the coal per ton and the type thereof;

(c) the quantum of coal transported by the railways and road transport to the said Thermal Power Stations alongwith thetransport charges per ton by both separately by rail and road transport;

(d) whether coal was transported to the Chandrapura and Bokaro Thermal Power Stations by road despite the fact that rail route is cheaper for the said purpose; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a): The quantum of coal purchased for operating Bokaro Thermal Power Station (BTPS), Chandrapura Thermal Power Statior (CTPS)and Mejia Thermal Power Station (MTPS) of Damodar ValleyCorporation during the last three years and the current year alongwith the mode of transport are given in Annexure-I.

(b): The names of coal mines from where the coal has been purchased for the said power stations alongwith the purchase price of coal per ton and type of coal are furnished in Annexure-II.

(c): The quantum of coal transported by rail and road to the said Thermal Power Stations alongwith the transport charges per ton by rail and road separately are furnished at Annexure-III.

(d) & (e): In case of Chandrapura Thermal Power Station and BokaroThermal Power Station, the transportation cost of coal by rail is sometimes higher and at times cheaper compared to the road transport depending upon the distance involved. On an average, the cost of transportation of coal by rail and road are almost equal. So strategically, DVC are taking around 60% supply of coal by rail and 40% by road.